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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 United States of America,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 Andrew Paul Mize, et al.

13 Defendants.
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No. CR-16-00219-TUC-JGZ (DTF)

ORDER

15 In an October 12, 2017 Report (“R&R”) (Doc. 226), Magistrate Judge Thomas
16 Ferraro recommended denying: (1) Defendant Slayden’s Motion for Reconsideration and
17 Rehearing on Motion to Suppress (Doc. 133); (2) Slayden’s Amended Motion to
18 Suppress (Doc. 148); and (3) Defendant Mize’s Motion to Suppress Illegal Checkpoint
19 Search (Doc. 136). The Defendants filed timely Objections to the R&R (Docs. 230 &
20 Doc. 232),¹ and the Government filed a response to the Objections. (Doc. 234.) A
21 technical amendment was made to the R&R on December 22, 2017 to correct the caption.
22 (Doc. 239.) Upon independent review of the record, the Court will adopt the Report and
23 Recommendation (Doc. 239).

24 **I. STANDARD OF REVIEW**

25 The Court reviews *de novo* the objected-to portions of the R&R. 28 U.S.C. §
26 636(b)(1); Fed.R.Civ.P. 72(b). The Court reviews for clear error the unobjected-to

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28 ¹ Defendant also filed a supplemental memorandum in support of his Objection.
(Doc. 238.)

1 portions of the Report and Recommendation. *Johnson v. Zema Systems Corp.*, 170 F.3d
2 734, 739 (7th Cir.1999); see also *Conley v. Crabtree*, 14 F.Supp.2d 1203, 1204 (D. Or.
3 1998).

4 Credibility findings of a magistrate judge may be adopted without conducting
5 further evidentiary review. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). However, if a district court rejects the
6 credibility findings of the magistrate judge, a *de novo* hearing is required. *United States v.*
7 *Ridgway*, 300 F.3d 1153, 1157 (9th Cir. 2002).

8 **II. FACTUAL FINDINGS AND LEGAL CONCLUSIONS**

9 The parties do not challenge the Magistrate Judge’s factual findings—only the
10 legal significance of those findings.² Accordingly, the Court will adopt the findings as
11 set forth in the Factual Background section of the R&R. (Doc. 239.)

12 **III. DISCUSSION**

13 Defendant Slayden argues that the Magistrate Judge erred by: (a) declining to
14 evaluate whether the border patrol checkpoint was constitutional; (b) finding that
15 Defendants’ detention at the checkpoint was not an arrest without probable cause; (c)
16 concluding Defendant was not subjected to custodial interrogation in violation of
17 *Miranda v. Arizona*; (d) determining Agent Smith and Ranger Rinck’s erroneous October
18 5, 2016 testimony was reasonably mistaken rather than recklessly false; (5) concluding
19 the canine Anouk alerted to Defendants’ vehicle, providing probable cause to search the
20 vehicle; and (6) failing to address his claim that the warrantless search of the vehicle was
21 unconstitutional. (Doc. 230, p. 1-2.)

22 Defendant Mize raises two objections: (1) the Magistrate Judge failed to address
23 the border checkpoint’s constitutionality by analyzing its primary purpose, and (2) if the
24 constitutionality of the border patrol checkpoint is not at issue, the Magistrate Judge

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26 ² Defendant Slayden argues that the Magistrate Judge incorrectly found that the
27 canine Anouk “alerted” to the Defendants’ vehicle. (Doc. 230, p. 7.) Because, as
discussed in section E, a canine’s alert, or final indication, is not necessary for the
establishment of probable cause, the Court does not consider this factual challenge.

28 The Magistrate Judge’s credibility finding with respect to Agent Smith is
discussed in Section D, nt. 4.

1 incorrectly applied border-crossing law to find that Defendants were not arrested, but
2 were merely detained, at the border checkpoint. (Doc. 232.)

3 **A. The Magistrate Judge did not err in failing to evaluate the constitutionality**
4 **of the checkpoint.**

5 Defendants Slayden and Mize argue that stop of their vehicle was illegal because
6 it occurred at a border patrol checkpoint that operates as a general crimes checkpoint.
7 Defendants' argument misses the mark.

8 General crimes checkpoints are unlawful. *United States v. Martinez-Fuerte*, 428
9 U.S. 543, 556-64 (1976). Unlike immigration checkpoints, general crimes checkpoints
10 cannot be used to stop vehicles and develop reasonable suspicion or probable cause for
11 detention or arrest. *Id.*; *cf. United States v. Soto-Zuniga*, 837 F.3d 992, 998-99 (9th Cir.
12 2016) (immigration checkpoints provide an exception to the general rule that a search or
13 seizure is unreasonable unless it rests on individualized suspicion; immigration control is
14 a valid purpose for stopping cars and posing questions without individualized suspicion.)
15 The checkpoint's legality is not relevant here because the authority of the checkpoint was
16 not used as a basis for forming reasonable suspicion.

17 Reasonable suspicion exists when the totality of the circumstances support a
18 "particularized and objective basis for suspecting legal wrongdoing." *United States v.*
19 *Arvizu*, 534 U.S. 266, 273 (2002). Here reasonable suspicion existed that Defendants
20 were transporting marijuana in their vehicle before the Defendants arrived at the
21 checkpoint. As set forth in the R&R, Border Patrol Agent Hughes observed eight
22 individuals in camouflage cross through a hole in the International Boundary Fence
23 carrying large packages consistent with marijuana bundles; the individuals entered an RV
24 park located adjacent to the border. (Doc. 239, p. 2.) He observed the individuals cross
25 back into Mexico, without the bundles (Doc. 111, 34:1-12), and saw a white utility truck
26 leaving the RV park. (Doc. 239, p. 2.) Agent Hughes radioed the information to Ranger
27 Rinck, who followed the vehicle toward the checkpoint. Ranger Rinck made additional
28 observations about the vehicle that supported an objective, particularized belief that the

1 truck was transporting marijuana. Rinck observed that the truck's bed appeared old and
2 its reflector marks appeared new; the telephone number on the truck's exterior was not
3 hyphenated and did not reach Rural Electric, the business name displayed on the truck;
4 and the license plate was not registered to Rural Electric. (Doc. 239, pp. 2-3.)

5 Defendants do not challenge the finding that reasonable suspicion existed prior to
6 the checkpoint. Rather, they argue that law enforcement officers improperly use the
7 checkpoint as a matter of "convenience" to stop vehicles when the agency develops
8 reasonable suspicion that a crime has been committed. While it may be true that the
9 agents use the checkpoint as a convenience, or, from the agents' perspective, as a safe
10 and controlled environment in which to initiate a vehicle stop, the use of the checkpoint
11 does not merit ignoring the fact that reasonable suspicion supported the detention of
12 Defendants' vehicle. The reasonable suspicion did not become inert as the vehicle
13 traversed the checkpoint regardless of the checkpoint's primary purpose.³

14 **B. The Magistrate Judge did not err in finding that Defendants' were detained,**
15 **not arrested, at secondary inspection.**

16 Defendant Slayden objects to the Magistrate Judge's determination that
17 Defendants were not under arrest until the marijuana was found. Defendant Slayden
18 asserts that their stop and detention was not a "temporary detention occasioned by border
19 crossing formalities" because the agents retained the Defendants' drivers licenses, Ranger
20 Rinck pulled in behind Defendants' vehicle and provided security to make sure the
21 Defendants could not leave, and Defendants were told they were detained and not free to
22 leave. (Doc. 230.) The Court finds no error. Slayden and Mize were not arrested until
23 after marijuana was discovered in their truck.

24 An arrest occurs "if, under the circumstances, a reasonable person would conclude

25 ³ Defendant Mize argues that the Court must assess the validity of the checkpoint
26 because the Magistrate Judge relied on border stop cases in determining whether
27 Defendants were placed under arrest. The Court disagrees. The Court analyzes the
28 Defendants' claims that they were arrested, not detained, applying non-border law. *See*
section B.

1 that he was not free to leave after brief questioning.” *United States v. Guzman-Padilla*,
2 573 F.3d 865, 884 (9th Cir. 2009). The “reasonable person” test presupposes an innocent
3 person. *Florida v. Bostick*, 501 U.S. 429, 438 (1991). An investigative stop is not
4 transformed into an arrest merely because a defendant is told he is not free to leave, or
5 merely because his freedom of movement is restricted. *See United States v. Patterson*,
6 648 F.2d 625, 633 (9th Cir. 1981); *United States v. Jones*, 759 F.2d 633, 639 (8th Cir.
7 1985) (“the fact that a person may reasonably believe he is no longer free to leave
8 indicates only that a consensual encounter has evolved into a seizure implicating [F]ourth
9 [A]mendment values and not that an ‘arrest’ has occurred.”)

10 A reasonable innocent person in the Defendants’ circumstances would not
11 conclude he was under arrest. Defendants were not summoned away from their daily
12 routines. They voluntarily entered a fixed border patrol checkpoint on State Route 85,
13 twenty miles north of the border. *See Martinez-Fuerte*, 428 U.S. at 559 (“The regularized
14 manner in which established checkpoints are operated is visible evidence, reassuring to
15 law-abiding motorists, that the stops are duly authorized and believed to serve the public
16 interest.”). At primary, agents asked two to three minutes of routine screening questions
17 to identify where Defendants were coming from and what their business was near the
18 border. (Doc. 111, pp. 121-22.) Defendant Mize, the driver, did not respond, but
19 Defendant Slayden, the passenger, stated that they were electricians and had a job at the
20 Gringo Pass RV Park. (Doc. 239, p. 3.) Defendants, however, could not produce a work
21 order, invoice, or contact information for the person ordering the work, only a first name
22 of the alleged customer. . (Doc. 239, p. 3.)

23 Based on Defendants’ responses and the information previously overheard, the
24 Defendants were directed to secondary inspection. As Defendants drove the vehicle to
25 the secondary inspection area, Agent Smith noticed fresh paint on the tool box and a large
26 compartment in the middle of the truck’s cargo area that appeared inaccessible and could
27 hold contraband. He also noticed that the truck was missing a Registrar of Contractors
28 license number, which Agent Smith typically sees on contractors’ vehicles. (Doc. 239, p.

1 3-4.)

2 The Court agrees with the Magistrate Judge that probable cause to search the
3 vehicle existed at this time. *See Soto-Zuniga*, 837 F.3d at 1003-04 (probable cause to
4 search exists if there is a fair probability that contraband or evidence of a crime will be
5 found in a particular place based on a totality of the circumstances); *United States v.*
6 *Davis*, 530 F.3d 1069, 1084 (9th Cir. 2008) (probable cause determinations may be based
7 in part on reasonable inferences). However, Defendants were not confronted with
8 evidence of guilt. Rather, at secondary inspection, Defendants were permitted to remain
9 near the truck where Defendant Slayden recorded the encounter on his cell phone without
10 interference. (Doc. 239, p. 4.) Defendants were not handcuffed or physically restrained
11 at any point. (Doc. 239, pp. 3-5.) It is undisputed that, at secondary, Border Patrol
12 agents told Defendants they were not free to leave, retained Defendants' drivers' licenses
13 and parked Ranger Rinck's vehicle behind Defendants' truck for security. However, in
14 light of the short duration and circumstances of the detention, the Court concludes that a
15 reasonable innocent individual would believe he was free to leave once the checkpoint
16 formalities were concluded.

17 **C. No *Miranda* violation occurred.**

18 Defendants argue that their detention at the checkpoint constituted a custodial
19 interrogation and that any statements made prior to *Miranda* warnings being given are
20 inadmissible. (Doc. 230, p. 5.)

21 *Miranda* warnings are required during questioning initiated by law enforcement
22 officers after a person has been taken into custody or otherwise deprived of his freedom
23 of action in any significant way.” *Miranda v. Arizona*, 384 U.S. 346, 443 (1966). An
24 officer's obligation to administer *Miranda* warnings attaches, however, “only where there
25 has been such a restriction on a person's freedom as to render him ‘in custody.’” *Oregon*
26 *v. Mathiason*, 429 U.S. 492, 495 (1977) (*per curiam*); see also *Illinois v. Perkins*, 496
27 U.S. 292, 296 (1990). In determining whether an individual was in custody, a court must
28 examine all of the circumstances surrounding the interrogation, but “the ultimate inquiry

1 is simply whether there [was] a ‘formal arrest or restraint on freedom of movement’ of
2 the degree associated with a formal arrest.” *California v. Beheler*, 463 U.S. 1121, 1125
3 (1983) (*per curiam*) (quoting *Mathiason*, 429 U.S. 492, 495 (1977)).

4 In determining whether detention rises to the level of “custody” within the
5 meaning of *Miranda*, courts must examine the “objective circumstances of the
6 interrogation.” *United States v. Butler*, 249 F.3d 1094, 1099 (9th Cir. 2001) (citing
7 *Stansbury v. California*, 511 U.S. 318, 323 (1994)). One is in custody if a reasonable
8 person would believe that he or she was not free to leave. *United States v. Kim*, 292 F.3d
9 969, 973-74 (9th Cir. 2002). The following factors are relevant to a finding of custody:
10 “(1) the language used to summon the individual; (2) the extent to which the defendant is
11 confronted with evidence of guilt; (3) the physical surroundings of the interrogation; (4)
12 the duration of the detention; and (5) the degree of pressure applied to detain the
13 individual.” *Id.* at 974 (citations omitted). “Although the existence or non-existence of
14 probable cause might be one factor to consider in determining someone’s custodial status
15 in the twilight zone between detention and custody, what ultimately matters to the
16 determination of whether *Miranda* is triggered is custody.” *Butler*, 249 F.3d at 1099.

17 The objective circumstances do not support Defendants’ argument that they were
18 in custody for the purposes of *Miranda* upon referral to secondary. The circumstances of
19 their detention as set forth in in Section B above would not lead a reasonable person to
20 believe that he was in custody until the officers found marijuana in the vehicle and
21 formally arrested Defendants. The Court rejects Defendants’ argument that a motorist’s
22 voluntary entry into a permanent immigration checkpoint is the equivalent of being
23 summoned to a police station for questioning.

24 In addition, Defendants have not shown that the agents’ routine border checkpoint
25 questions regarding Defendants’ route and purpose for travel rose to the level of
26 interrogation. *See United States v. Manasen*, 909 F.2d 1357, 1358 (9th Cir. 1990)
27 (“Routine questioning by customs officials is normally not custodial interrogation that
28 triggers *Miranda*.”) Thus, because Defendants were neither in custody nor interrogated,

1 *Miranda* warnings were not required.

2 **D. Law enforcement officials' testimony at the suppression hearing was not**
3 **recklessly false.**

4 Defendant Slayden asserts that law enforcement officials intentionally gave false
5 testimony at the suppression hearing to support a finding that it was unusual for a utility
6 truck like Defendants' truck to be leaving the RV park. (Doc. 230, p. 6.) Slayden argues
7 that this testimony should be excluded from the Court's probable cause assessment. (Doc.
8 230, p. 6.) The Court disagrees.

9 Erroneous statements made "knowingly or with a reckless disregard for the truth,"
10 are set aside in the determination of probable cause. *United States v. Senchenko*, 133
11 F.3d 1153, 1158 (9th Cir. 1998). A finding of recklessness requires the testifying
12 individual to harbor a "high degree of awareness of probable falsity." *Id.*

13 1. Agent Smith's Testimony

14 At the first suppression hearing Agent Smith testified that he was familiar with
15 the maintenance person at the RV park; the worker was an American citizen who lives in
16 Ajo and drives through the Border Patrol checkpoint every day; the worker carries tools
17 for general maintenance in his small pickup truck; and Agent Smith had seen that
18 individual at the RV park before. (Doc. 111, pp. 133-135.) At the second evidentiary
19 hearing, it was established that Agent Smith was incorrect in his prior testimony.
20 Defendant Slayden called Ramon Garcia, who performed landscaping maintenance at the
21 RV park during the time period in question. (Doc. 192, p. 9.) Mr. Garcia testified that he
22 is not a U.S. citizen and does not live in Ajo or drive through the checkpoint every day.
23 (Doc. 192, pp. 12, 14.) He also testified that many different contractors provide services
24 at the park, including the phone and electric companies based in Ajo, as well as a man
25 from Apache Junction who did electrical work and maintained the well and the electric
26 pump. (Doc. 192, pp. 15-16.) The government re-called Agent Smith, who testified that
27 he had subsequently learned that the individual he had thought was the maintenance
28 worker at the RV park is actually Cesar Aguirre, an employee of CSC Electric who

1 performs maintenance at the Lukeville Port of Entry. (Doc. 192, p. 59.) Smith learned
2 that Aguirre maintains the employee housing at the Port of Entry, which abuts the RV
3 park, and is located 500 to 1,000 feet from the entrance to the park. Aguirre was also
4 called as a witness. He testified that he is a U.S. citizen who, during the time period in
5 question, drove through the checkpoint every day on his way home to Ajo.

6 Searches and seizures based on reasonable mistakes of fact are nonetheless
7 constitutional. *Heien v. North Carolina*, 135 S. Ct. 530, 536 (2014). The Court finds no
8 error in the Magistrate Judge's determination that, in light of all of the evidence, Agent
9 Smith's testimony was not made with a reckless disregard for the truth, but rather
10 reflected reasonable mistakes of fact. (Doc. 239, p. 8.)⁴ Agent Smith's mistaken belief
11 that Mr. Aguirre worked at the RV park is not unreasonable. Agent Smith saw Mr.
12 Aguirre at the RV Park. Agent Smith observed Mr. Aguirre daily passing through the
13 checkpoint wearing a uniform. Agent Smith was unaware of Mr. Garcia, who did not
14 often pass through the checkpoint. The Magistrate Judge observed Agent Smith testify at
15 both hearings and heard Agent Smith's explanation for his incorrect testimony at the first
16 hearing, as well as facts supporting Agent Smith's initial mistaken conclusion that Mr.
17 Aguirre was the RV Park's maintenance worker. This explanation did not suggest that
18 Agent Smith harbored a high degree of awareness that his testimony was false. The Court
19 sees no basis for setting aside the Magistrate Judge's determination that Agent Smith
20 credibly established that he made reasonable mistakes of fact at the first evidentiary
21 hearing.

22 2. Ranger Rinck's Testimony

23 Ranger Rinck testified at the first hearing that a number of things about the
24 Defendants' truck appeared suspicious and unprofessional to him, including that,

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26 ⁴ It appears that Judge Ferraro's conclusion was based to some degree on his
27 evaluation of the credibility of the law enforcement witness. (Doc. 239, p. 9.) To the
28 extent that the Magistrate Judge made credibility determinations, the Court adopts those
findings.

1 although the truck had a Rural Electric logo on the back of the truck,⁵ the truck's decals
2 were uneven and were stickers rather than painted on; the web address did not begin with
3 a "www"; the telephone number on the side of the truck was not hyphenated; the vehicle
4 was registered to an individual rather than to a company; and there was no Registrar of
5 Contractors ("ROC") number on the side of the vehicle. (Doc. 226.)

6 Defendant Slayden objects to Magistrate Judge Ferraro's finding that any errors in
7 Ranger Rinck's testimony were reasonable mistakes. Slayden argues that Ranger Rinck's
8 testimony that he found the truck to be suspicious was unfounded and recklessly false
9 because: a Google search printout showed that one can reach the website for the
10 legitimate Rural Electric company without typing "www" into a web search engine; a
11 registration history of Defendants' truck showed that the vehicle had previously been
12 registered to individuals; Slayden never stated he was an employee of Rural Electric; and
13 Slayden was not permitted under Arizona law to display an ROC number on his vehicle
14 because he was not, in fact, a licensed contractor. (Doc. 230 at 6-7).

15 Defendant's objection to Ranger Rinck's testimony is specious. Ranger Rinck did
16 not provide any inaccurate factual testimony. Defendants do not dispute Ranger Rinck's
17 description of the truck's markings or that the truck was registered to an individual and
18 not the Rural Electric Company. Ranger Rinck's inferences from this factually correct
19 information were reasonable. That fact that some allegedly legitimate businesses might
20 also have unpolished markings or include full website addresses with their logo does not
21 undermine the reasonableness of Ranger Rinck's conclusions. Similarly, the fact that
22 Slayden was not a licensed electrician and therefore could not include an ROC number on
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24 ⁵ Slayden asserts that Agent Smith originally testified in October that no
25 maintenance personnel or vehicles worked at the RV Park, but conceded, during
26 impeachment, at the second hearing, that he had in fact seen "utility trucks and pump
27 repair trucks going through the checkpoint to do work at the RV park." (Doc. 230, p. 6.)
28 Slayden has confused the testimony of the witnesses. Ranger Rinck testified that he had
never seen a contract utility truck entering and exiting the RV park. (Doc. 239, p. 9; Doc.
111, p. 71.) Agent Smith's subsequent testimony that he regularly saw contractors and
other maintenance workers come through the checkpoint, including utility trucks and
pump repair trucks, was not impeachment of Ranger Rinck's testimony. (Doc. 192, pp.
46-47.)

1 the truck's markings is irrelevant to Ranger Rinck's concern that the Rural Electric truck
2 did not indicate an ROC number, as he had observed on other commercial vehicles. It
3 was not unreasonable for Ranger Rinck to believe that an electric company would
4 employ licensed technicians.

5 In sum, upon review of the record and the defendants' objections, the Court finds
6 no error in the Magistrate Judge's determination that, in light of all of the evidence,
7 Agent Smith's and Ranger Rinck's testimony was not recklessly false.

8 **E. Canine Anouk's alert behavior established probable cause for the vehicle**
9 **search.**

10 Defendant Slayden objects to the Magistrate Judge's conclusion that canine
11 Anouk's behavior constituted an "alert" establishing probable cause to search the vehicle.
12 (Doc. 230, p. 7.) Defendant argues that because there was no indication by Anouk, no
13 probable cause was established. (Doc. 230, p. 7.) The Court need not decide whether
14 Anouk alerted to the presence of drugs in the vehicle because, as discussed in Section B
15 above, probable cause to search the vehicle existed at the time the vehicle entered
16 secondary inspection, prior to Anouk's arrival at the checkpoint.

17 To the extent there is any argument that probable cause did not exist prior to that
18 time, the Court agrees that Anouk's behavior was sufficient for the trained agents to
19 conclude that they had probable cause to search Defendants' truck. Probable cause is
20 established by an alert by a reliable canine. *Florida v. Harris*, 568 U.S. 237, 248 (2013);
21 *United States v. Thomas*, 726 F.3d 1086, 1098 (9th Cir. 2013) ("Evidence from a trained
22 and reliable handler about alert behavior he recognized in his dog can be the basis for
23 probable cause.") An alert is not required to establish probable cause. *Thomas*, 726 F.3d
24 at 1098; *see also Florida v. Harris*, 568 U.S. 237, 248 (2013) ("the court should not
25 prescribe . . . an inflexible set of evidentiary requirements" to determine if a dog alerted.).
26 The Court agrees with the Magistrate Judge's conclusion that Anouk's behavior coupled
27 with his handler's testimony that Anouk alerted is sufficient to find probable cause.
28 Notably, both parties' expert witnesses testified that Anouk exhibited demonstrable, if
not bright-line, indicating behavior, as recorded by Defendant Slayden.

1 **F. Because agents had probable cause to search the vehicle, they did not need**
2 **a warrant.**

3 Finally, Defendant Slayden generally objects that neither a warrant nor exigent
4 circumstances were present to justify the search of the Defendants' vehicle. (Doc. 230, p.
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6 Because of the inherent mobility of automobiles, and the fact that there is a lesser
7 expectation of privacy in vehicles than in houses, law enforcement may search a car
8 without a warrant if they have probable cause to believe it contains contraband or
9 evidence of a crime. *Carroll v. United States*, 267 U.S. 132 (1925). Probable cause to
10 search a vehicle exists when there are "facts and circumstances within law enforcement
11 officers' knowledge and of which they had reasonably trustworthy information . . .
12 sufficient in themselves to warrant a man of reasonable caution in the belief that . . .
13 contraband was being transported in the automobile which they stopped and searched."
14 *United States v. Corral-Villavicencio*, 753 F.2d 785, 789-90 (9th Cir. 1985) (quoting
15 *United States v. Patterson*, 492 F.2d 995, 997 (9th Cir. 1974).) Here, no warrant was
16 required because, as discussed in Section B, probable cause existed to search the vehicle.

17 **IV. CONCLUSION**

18 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED THAT the Report and
19 Recommendation is ADOPTED (Doc. 239).

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Defendant Slayden's Motion to Suppress
21 (Doc. 148) and Motion for Reconsideration and Rehearing (Doc. 133) are DENIED.

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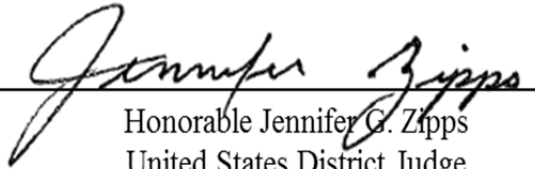
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28 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Defendant Mize's Motion to Suppress (Doc.

1 136) is DENIED.

2 In light of the Court's denial of the foregoing motions, IT IS FURTHER
3 ORDERED GRANTING the Government's Motion in Limine to Preclude Evidence At
4 Trial Regarding Legality of Stop (Doc. 137.)

5 Dated this 25th day of January, 2018.

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9 Honorable Jennifer G. Zipps
10 United States District Judge
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